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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 26, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0039.C1/WBP in the amount of \$1,100.00 for 14 additional claims including 2 additional independent claims, and for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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